

# COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

## City of North Bend Newsletter

### City Council Meetings

March 26 - 7:00 p.m.  
Work Study at City Hall

April 2 - 7:00 p.m. at  
Mount Si Senior Center

April 16 - 7:00 p.m. at  
Mount Si Senior Center

April 23 - 7:00 p.m.  
Work Study at City Hall

May 7 - 7:00 p.m. at  
Mount Si Senior Center

May 21 - 7:00 p.m. at  
Mount Si Senior Center

The North Bend Downtown Foundation is partnering with local wineries, breweries, artists and musicians to bring you Sip, Suds & Si from 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 30th. Sip, Suds & Si is an art walk with live music, wine and beer tasting in downtown North Bend.

Start at the historic Train Depot, at 205



McClellan Street, to check in and pick up your glass and tokens.

For details and advance tickets, go to: [Sip, Suds & Si.](#)

### Burt Mann Named North Bend’s 2018 Citizen of the Year

It was standing room only as friends and family turned out in support of the 2018 Citizen of the Year. Mayor Ken Hearing and City Councilmembers honored Burt Mann as the recipient of this prestigious honor at the March 5th, 2019 City Council Meeting at Mt. Si Senior Center.



Burt moved to North Bend when he was 69. He celebrated his 96th birthday on February 7th.

There wasn’t a dry eye in the room when Burt shared his life story during the Council meeting.

In his speech, he said, “For 84 years, I had a grudge and was resentful. I became against the world and had hatred in my heart. But now, I have love in my heart. I’m very grateful for the people that came here tonight that I know as friends. Words alone can’t express it. I’m blessed in my

later years of life. It pays to get old!”

Burt loves to volunteer and has served at Mount Si Senior Center as their gardener and has helped in other ways as well. Almost every day since he moved here, he can be seen walking the streets of North Bend, talking to the people he meets. Despite his struggles, he always has a smile and an uplifting story to share.

“Burt is truly an inspiration to us all,” Mayor Hearing said. “I know people half his age that can’t do what he does.”

### Yardwaste Recycling Program Begins on Saturday, April 20th

The City of North Bend will begin the 2019 Yardwaste Recycling Program on select Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon at the North Bend Public Works Shop located at 1155 E. North Bend Way.

Please see the [flyer](#) for all 2019 dates and accepted waste and items, or go to the City’s Website to view the [Community Calendar.](#)

The City will be holding a Special Recycling Event on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mt Si High 9th Grade Campus at 9200 Railroad Avenue, Snoqualmie. This event is free and accepts household materials from any King County resident.

### North Bend Receives Grant for New LED Street Lights

North Bend will soon be converting street lights to energy efficient LED street lights under the Relight Washington grant program. During the March 19th Council meeting, Councilmembers unanimously voted to approve a motion authorizing Mayor Ken Hearing to enter into a contract with Puget Sound Energy for the Relight Washington Program Phase 1.

This involves replacing all street lights in the Silver Creek Neighborhood and much of the downtown core area with LED lights. Phase 2 will cover the remaining portions of North Bend controlled by PSE. Phase 1 replacement lighting is expected to begin early summer 2019.

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## Trailhead Direct Returning This Spring

More than 20,000 hikers boarded Trailhead Direct since its inception in August 2017, increasing the number of people who explored King County’s mountain forests without having to drive or park.

Trailhead Direct, which is sponsored by King County Metro and King County Parks, offered weekend and holiday service to some of the most popular hiking destinations in the region, including Mount Si, the Issaquah Alps and Mailbox Peak.

**Total Boardings Since Inception:**

- Route 634 to Issaquah Alps: 8,526
- Route 636 to Mount Si: 8,197
- Route 637 to Mailbox Peak: 3,650

**Total: 20,373**

Trailhead Direct - Mount Si offers service from Sound Transit’s Capitol Hill Link light rail station to Mount Si and Mount Teneriffe in North Bend. The third route in North Bend



has a satellite lot at Twin Falls Middle School at 46910 SE Middle Fork Rd. The end point is Mailbox Peak.

Trips to the trailhead are scheduled every 20 minutes from 8 a.m. to 1:20 p.m. Return trips run every 20 minutes from 8:16 a.m. until 6:16 p.m.

Passengers pay Metro’s standard off-peak adult fare of \$2.50 until July, when Metro implements a \$2.75 flat fare. Passengers can pay with an ORCA card, Transit Go Mobile ticket, or cash.

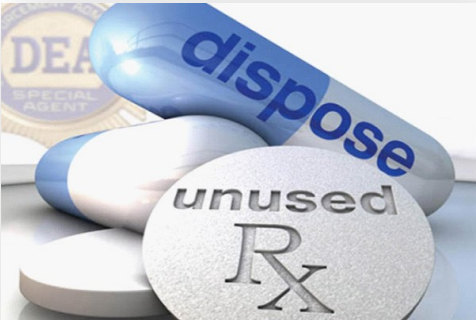
Check for more information as it becomes available at [Trailhead Direct.org](http://Trailhead Direct.org)

## Mayor Hearing Delivers State of the City Address

Mayor Ken Hearing delivered his 16th and final State of the City Address during the March 19th City Council meeting. In his address, he highlighted some of the 2018 key accomplishments, spoke about the City’s financial position, which showed another year of growth in revenues for 2018, and touched on the goals that Council identified as the highest priority projects for 2019.



To view the State of the City Address and the March 19th council meeting in its entirety, please visit the City’s website at [State of the City Address Meeting](#) or view the meeting on North Bend TV Channel 21 starting at 8:30 a.m., noon, 6:30 p.m. and 10 p.m.



## National Prescription Drugs Take Back Day

**Date:** Saturday, April 27  
**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** City Hall, 211 Main Ave. North

Community members may drop off unused or expired prescription drugs during these hours.

## WSDOT to Present During Business Outreach Meeting

City of North Bend will be hosting a Business Outreach meeting at Umpqua Bank on Thursday, March 21st.

WSDOT will be presenting on the proposed SR18/I90 Interchange and weigh station relocation.

Business Outreach meetings are held the 3rd Thursday of each month starting at 7:30 a.m. at Umpqua Bank, 146th West 2nd Street. All local business owners are invited to attend these monthly meetings.



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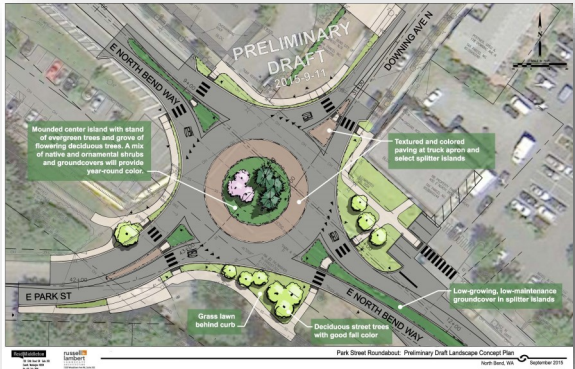
## Park Street Roundabout Construction to Begin Late Spring

The next project on the City's Transportation Improvement Plan priority list is the Park Street - North Bend Way roundabout.

In 2018, the City was a recipient of a \$1 million grant toward this project and we anticipate breaking ground in late spring.

This roundabout will improve public safety, reduce traffic congestion and improve downtown walkability.

If you have any questions about the project, please contact Tom Mohr, Acting Public Works Director at 425-888-7653 or email [tmohr@northbendwa.gov](mailto:tmohr@northbendwa.gov).



## North Bend Block Party Entertainment Lineup Announced

Your 2019 Downtown Block Party music lineup is here! We will be bringing you a host of popular local and regional bands on Saturday, July 20th.

The lineup includes our very own Nick Mardon, Jayleigh Ann and the Lost Boys, Dylan Jakobsen, Tayla Lynn, Sweetkiss Momma and The Hipsters, and ending the night with Ayrton Jones and Iron Dragon, an 80s hair band cover act.

The block party begins at noon with performances from Ignite Dance, Cascade Dance and DMW Martial Arts.

Spike and the Impalers has been a



beloved headliner for the past 10 years and we are grateful we've had the privilege of working with them. We look forward to more Spike in the Valley and we welcome this new opportunity for more bands at this cherished community event.

Go early to grab your spot near the stage or at the Beer & Wine Garden!

## Siding Going Up on New City Hall Building

